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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0082

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Akihiko MARUYAMA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
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Application No.: 09/979,558 ) Examiner: Diana B. Johannsen  
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Int'l Filing Date: May 25, 2000 )  
§ 371 Requirements Satisfied Date: March 18, 2002 )  
)  
For: DNA, DNA PROBES, AND METHODS FOR )  
DETECTING NOVEL PSYCHROTROPHIC )  
BACTERIUM (as amended) )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 9, 2003. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to file this application and charge any additional required extension fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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